

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Represented Original Claim 1) A grid comprising drawn polymeric strips in at least two different directions, ~~wherein the strips have a higher tensile strength in a lengthwise direction of the strips compared to a tensile strength in a width direction of the strips, wherein with the strips are being bonded together in at least one zone of overlap, which comprises wherein said at least one zone of overlap comprises at least two spatially separated bonding points or bonding lines, and wherein the strips comprise a material that absorbs electromagnetic radiation at the at least one zone of overlap.~~
2. (Original) A grid according to claim 1, wherein said at least one zone comprises three or more spatially separated and parallel bonding lines.
3. (Previously Amended) A grid according to claim 1, wherein said at least one zone comprises at least one bonding point or line at or near each angular point where the strips are bonded of the at least one zone.
4. (Previously Amended) A grid according to claim 1, wherein a width of the bonding points or lines is 5 mm or less.
5. (Previously Amended) A grid according to claim 1, wherein a width of the bonding points or lines is 3 mm or less.
6. (Previously Amended) A grid according to claim 1, wherein the bonding points or lines are welded by means of a laser.
7. (Previously Amended) A grid according to claim 1, wherein the strength of a part of each bonding point or line at an edge of the at least one zone of overlap is lower than the strength of a part of each bonding point or line at and near the center of the at least one zone or overlap.

8. Canceled.
9. (Withdrawn) A process for manufacturing the grid according to claim 1, comprising placing at least two strips one on top of the other, pressing the at least two strips together, and heating with a radiation source emitting electromagnetic radiation, wherein the strip that faces the radiation source is at least partially transparent to the radiation, while at the points where the strips are bonded together, the material absorbs said radiation.
10. (Withdrawn) A process according to claim 9, wherein the strip facing the radiation source is made entirely of transparent material.
11. (Withdrawn) A process according to claim 9, wherein the strip facing the radiation source comprises at least two different materials.
12. (Withdrawn) A process according to claim 9, wherein the radiation source used is a laser.
13. (Previously Added) The grid of claim 1, wherein said at least one zone of overlap comprises at least two spatially separated bonding lines.
14. (Previously Added) The grid of claim 1, wherein said at least one zone of overlap has a surface area of about a product of a width of the strips multiplied by the width of the strips.
15. (Previously Added) The grid of claim 1, wherein the grid has a strength about equal to the higher tensile strength in the lengthwise direction of the strips.
16. (Previously Added) A grid comprising drawn polymeric strips in at least two different directions, wherein the strips have a higher tensile strength in a lengthwise direction of the strips compared to a tensile strength in a width direction of the strips, wherein the strips are bonded together in at least one zone of overlap, wherein said at least one zone of overlap comprises at least two spatially separated bonding points or bonding lines, and wherein the

grid has a strength about equal to the higher tensile strength in the lengthwise direction of the strips.

17. (Previously Added) The grid of claim 16, wherein said at least one zone of overlap comprises at least two spatially separated bonding lines.

18. (Previously Added) The grid of claim 16, wherein said at least one zone of overlap has a surface area of about a product of a width of the strips multiplied by the width of the strips.

19. (Previously Added) The grid according to claim 1, wherein the strips comprise a layer transparent to electromagnetic radiation and a layer that absorbs electromagnetic radiation.

20. (Previously Added) The grid according to claim 19, wherein the layer that absorbs electromagnetic radiation is pigmented.

21. (Previously Added) The grid according to claim 1, wherein the strips comprise a layer of a material that absorbs electromagnetic radiation sandwiched between layers that are transparent to electromagnetic radiation.

22. (Previously Added) The grid according to claim 21, wherein the layer that absorbs electromagnetic radiation is a film or a foil.

23. (Previously Added) The grid according to claim 21, wherein the layer that absorbs electromagnetic radiation is 5-100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick.